

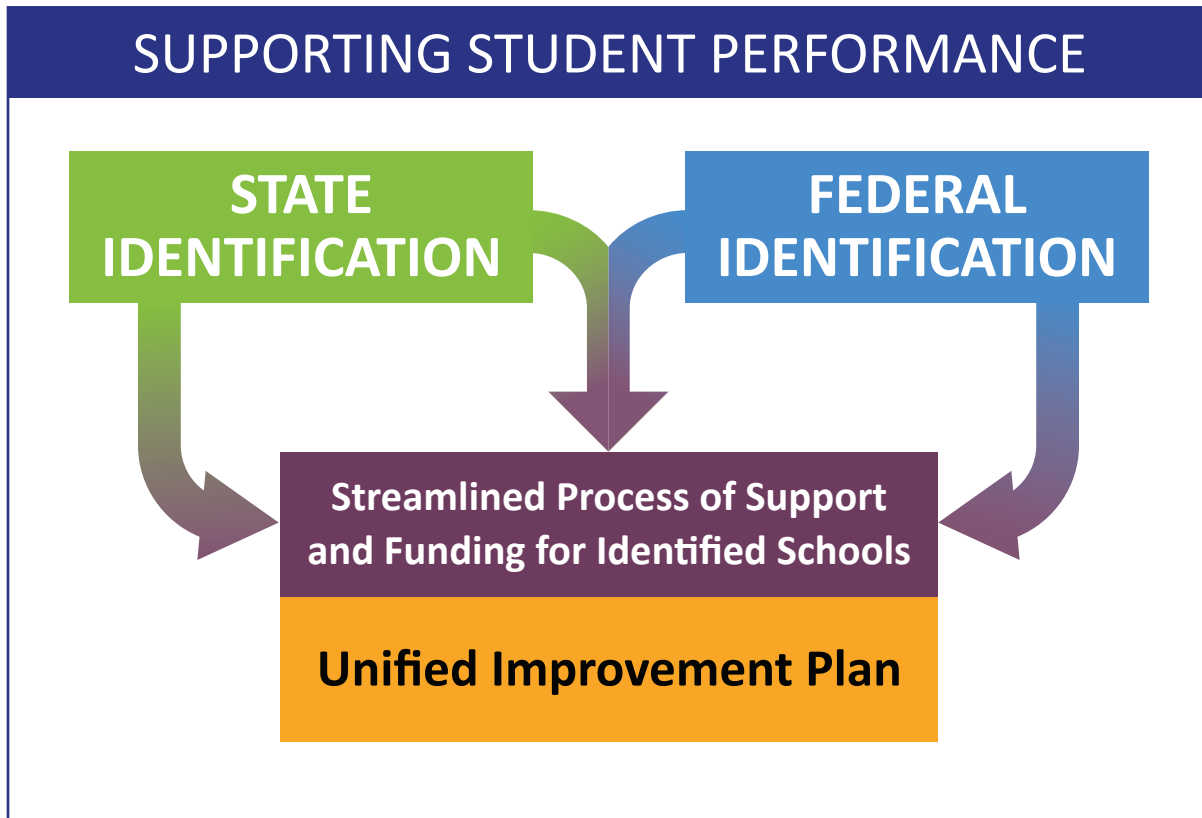


# Colorado's Accountability Identification System for Districts and Schools



Colorado's education accountability system is based on the belief that every student should receive an excellent education and graduate ready to succeed. Successful schools and districts are recognized and serve as models, while those that are struggling receive support and have additional requirements. As required by state and federal laws, Colorado evaluates school and district systems based on their overall student performance, graduation rates and performance of historically underserved students. Struggling schools and districts are offered a variety of customized supports and resources to meet their unique context and needs. The unified improvement plan (UIP) provides a process that combines all requirements into one plan and includes staff and family input to shape improvement efforts.

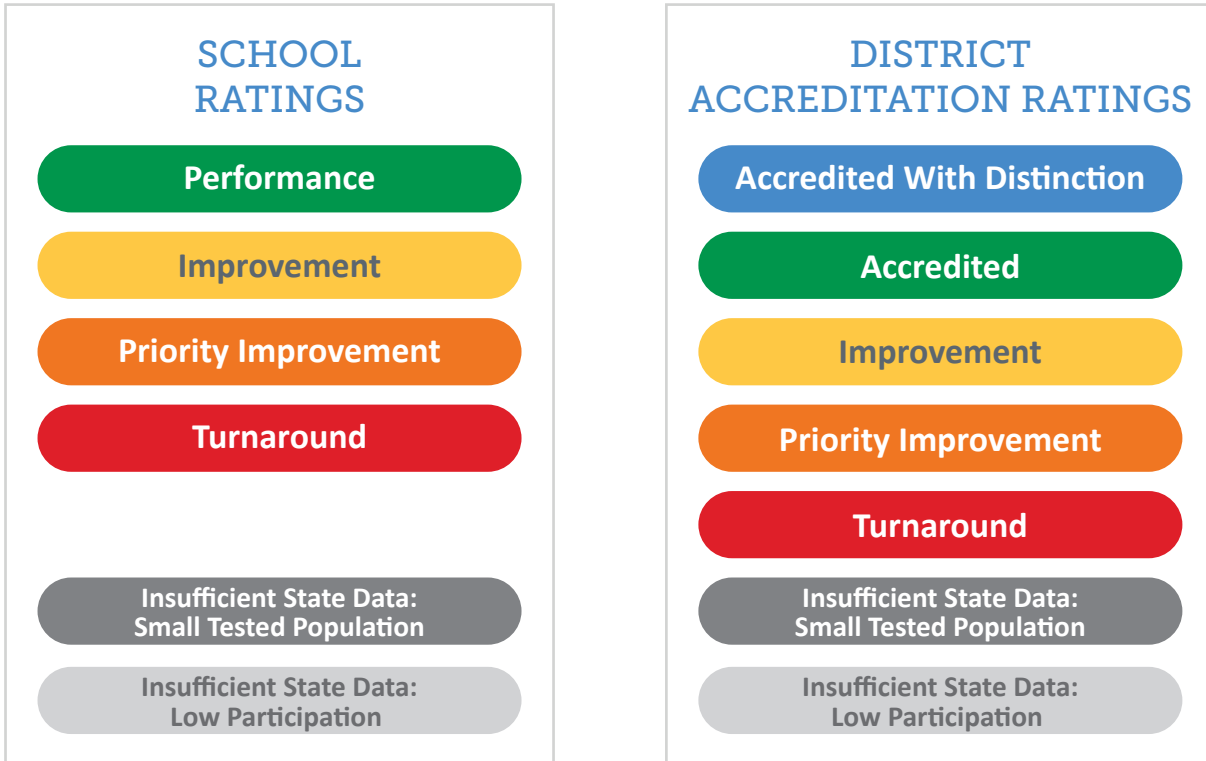
## COLORADO ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM





## State Identification Process

Every year, Colorado's state identification process provides school and district performance ratings to let communities know how well they are doing. The District Performance Framework (DPF) report determines an accreditation rating and School Performance Frameworks (SPF) determine school plan types. Districts may submit additional performance data to CDE through the Request to Reconsider process if they disagree with the initial rating from the state.



The ratings are based on achievement and growth on state assessments, along with postsecondary measures such as graduation rates, drop-out rates, college entrance exams and college matriculation rates. The ratings of Priority Improvement and Turnaround are the two identifications that put schools and districts on the clock. The frameworks help the school district, Colorado Department of Education and State Board of Education make decisions about how to help struggling schools.



## State Assessments Used for Accountability Include:

- Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) in math and English language arts - 3rd through 8th grades
- Colorado Alternate Assessment (CoAlt) in English language arts and math - 3rd through 11th grades
- CMAS science - 5th, 8th and 11th grades
- PSAT - 9th and 10th grades
- SAT - 11th grade

## Overall school performance ratings are based on three indicators of performance:

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

**Average scores on state assessments in each grade.**

- CMAS and CoAlt English language arts, math and science
  - Spanish language arts for eligible 3rd and 4th graders
- PSAT in evidence-based reading and writing and math

For all students and disaggregated student groups

### ACADEMIC GROWTH

**Progress students make in their achievement on assessments from one year to the next.**

- CMAS English language arts and math
- PSAT and SAT in evidence-based reading and writing and math
- WIDA ACCESS for all students who are still learning the English language

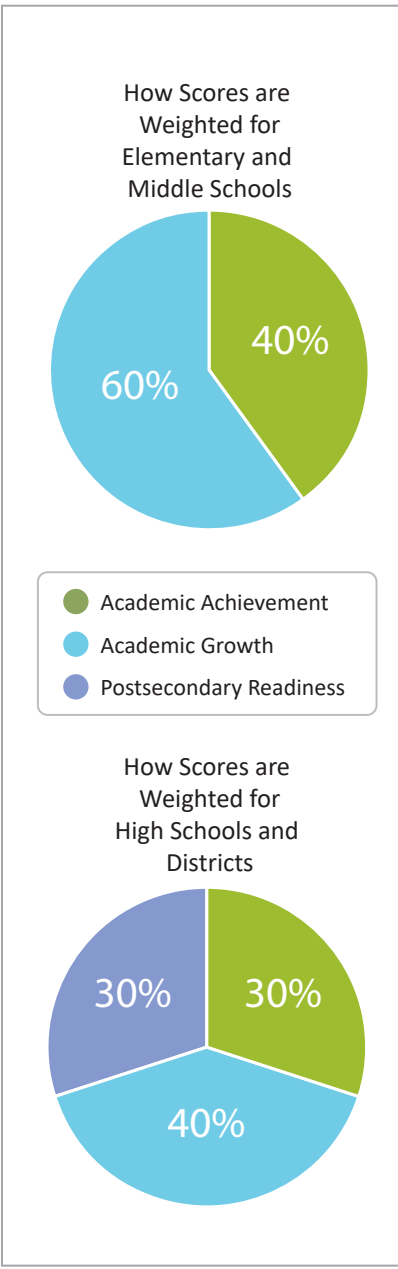
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### POSTSECONDARY READINESS

**High school and district ratings depend on the following factors which indicate how well schools are preparing students for college and the workforce.**

- Graduation rates
- Dropout rates
- Averages scores on the SAT
- Matriculation into a college or career certification program

For all students and disaggregated student groups





## Federal Identification Process (ESSA)

Colorado also identifies schools for support and improvement under the Elementary and Secondary Education, reauthorized as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESEA). Every year, Colorado's accountability system, identifies some schools for Comprehensive, Targeted, or Additional Targeted Support and Improvement based on five indicators and the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Given that the federal ESSA indicators mirror the indicators in the state accountability system, the same data are used in identifying schools for support and improvement under ESSA where applicable and feasible.

### Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CS)

- Lowest performing 5% of Title I schools
- High Schools with graduation rates below 67%
- Chronically Low Performing Student Group(s) (former A-TS that did not meet exit criteria)

### Targeted Support and Improvement (TS)

- TS: Any school with at least one consistently underperforming disaggregated group
- Additional (A-TS): A subset of the TS schools are identified for Additional Targeted Support and Improvement which includes any school with at least one disaggregated group that, on its own, meets the criteria for the CS-Low Performing 5%.

## State assessment used for ESSA identification:

- CMAS in math and English language arts - 3rd through 8th grade
- Colorado Alternate Assessment (CoAlt) in English language arts and math- 3rd through 8th grades and 11th grade
- SAT - 11th grade
- List of approved READ Act assessments - K through 2nd grades

## Under ESSA, identification of schools for support and improvement is based on the following five indicators of performance:

### 1 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT<sup>1</sup>

#### Average scores on state assessments in each grade.

- CMAS and CoAlt English language arts and math
  - Spanish language arts for eligible 3rd and 4th graders
- SAT in evidence-based reading and writing and math
- Schools that only serve kindergarten through second grade: based on percent of students with a significant reading deficiency (SRD)

For all students and disaggregated student groups

<sup>1</sup> Under ESSA, a second set of analyses are conducted to identify schools due to participation only. In those analyses, non-participants (including parent excusals) in excess of 5% are counted as non-proficient, and assigned to the lowest possible scale score.



## 2 ACADEMIC GROWTH

Progress students make in their achievement on assessments from one year to the next.

Growth is calculated on the following assessments:

- CMAS English language arts and math
- SAT in evidence-based reading and writing and math

For all students and disaggregated student groups

Schools that only serve kindergarten through second grade: based on change in SRD.

## 3 GRADUATION RATES

- 4-year and 7-year adjusted cohort rates

For all students and disaggregated student groups

## 4 PROGRESS FOR ACHIEVING ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- WIDA ACCESS for English Language Learners
  - median growth percentiles and
  - percent of students on-track to fluency within the state-determined timeline

For English language learners

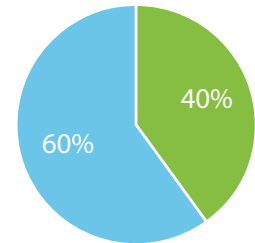
- Schools that only serve K-2 based on English language proficiency growth

## 5 INDICATORS OF SCHOOL QUALITY OR STUDENT SUCCESS (SQSS)

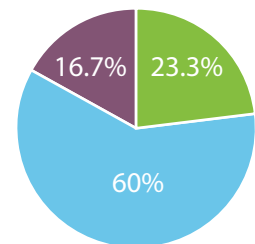
- CMAS and CoAlt Science mean scale scores
- When available, reduction on chronic absenteeism (elementary and middle schools)
- Dropout rates (high schools)

For all students and disaggregated student groups

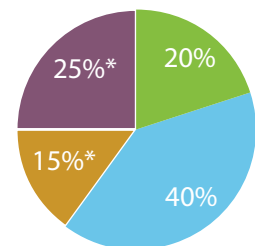
How Scores are Weighted for Kdg. through 2nd Grades



How Scores are Weighted for Elementary and Middle Schools



How Scores are Weighted for High Schools



- Academic Achievement
- Academic Growth (includes progress in achieving English language proficiency)
- Graduation Rate
- School Quality or Student Success

\* For ESSA identification of CS schools, the 7-year graduation rate is weighted at 99% and 4-year graduation rate is weighted 1% the total graduation points.



## Comprehensive Support and Improvement - Lowest 5%

Some schools are identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement under ESSA. These schools are among the lowest performing 5 percent of Title I schools on ESSA indicators. Each year, the number of Title I schools being served will be used to determine how many schools are identified as CS. Colorado calculates a summative index score (total percentage of points earned) based on points assigned to each indicator outlined above. The total percentage points earned by each school will be used to identify schools as CS.

## Comprehensive Support and Improvement - Low Graduation Rates

In addition to identifying CS for the lowest performing 5% of Title I schools, ESSA requires CDE to identify schools for improvement if they are graduating less than 67% of their students. Both four- and seven-year graduation rates are used to identify schools and districts in need of support:

Less than 67 percent of students graduating within four years

Less than 67 percent of students graduating within seven years



## Targeted Support and Improvement Performance of Historically Underserved Students

ESSA also requires CDE to identify schools in need of support based on performance of specific group(s) of students as Targeted Support and Improvement.

Subindicators Available for Each Grade Level

Subindicators Used in Analysis	Subindicators Available for Each Grade Level			
	K-2	Elementary	Middle School	High School
<b>ACHIEVEMENT</b>				
ELA Achievement	-	✓	✓	✓
Math Achievement	-	✓	✓	✓
% SRD	✓	-	-	-
<b>GROWTH</b>				
ELA Achievement	-	✓	✓	✓
Math Achievement	-	✓	✓	✓
ELP Growth	✓	✓	✓	✓
ELP to Standards	✓	✓	✓	✓
Change in SRD %	✓	-	-	-
<b>GRADUATION RATES</b>				
4-Year Graduation Rate	-	-	-	✓
7-Year Graduation Rate	-	-	-	✓
<b>SQSS</b>				
Science Achievement	-	✓	✓	✓
Change in Chronic Absenteeism	-	✓	✓	-
Dropout	-	-	-	✓

A-TS schools are a subset of TS and have data available on all subindicators for the grade level and earn a “does not meet expectations” on all the subindicators.